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SUBJECT: GOP RELEASES TWO POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: ASUNCION 3398

1. THE APPEALS COURT ORDERED THE RELEASE OF JUAN FELIX BOGADO GONDRA AUGUST 29 AFTER REDUCING HIS TWO-YEAR SENTENCE TO ONE YEAR AND ONE MONTH. ON SEPTEMBER 4, INTERIOR MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY BESTARD SUMMONED BOGADO GONDRA TO HIS OFFICE AND TOLD HIM HE SHOULD PLAN TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHIN EIGHT DAYS. BOGADO GONDRA HAD PLANNED TO GO TO GERMANY ON A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP IN ANY CASE AND WILL DEPART SEPTEMBER 9 WITHOUT FIGHTING THE "INFORMAL"EXPULSION ORDER. THERE IS NO LEGAL BASIS FOR THIS UNUSUAL GOP ACTION TO FORCE VOLUNTARY EXILE ON A PARAGUAYAN CITIZEN.

2. THE APPEALS COURT ALSO ORDERED THE RELEASE OF SIXTO FLEITAS RIOS SEPTEMBER 1. THE COURT FOUND THAT LEGAL ACTION AGAINST HIM WAS TIME-BARRED AS THE ACCURSATIONS AGAINST HIM DATE BACK TO 1956. FLEITAS, WAS WAS ON HUNGER STRIKE, HAS RETURNED TO BRAZIL WHERE HE WAS LIVING WHEN APPREHENDED IN SEPTEMBER 1977. WHITE

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